AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amend the following paragraph(s):

[0009] -- According to one aspect of the present invention, a tensioner for a traction member, in particular a belt of a traction drive for an internal combustion engine, includes a base connected to a ~~pivot~~ tensioner arm, with the ~~pivot~~ tensioner arm having a free end for connection of a rotatable tension roller which bears against a traction member, a spring member urging the ~~pivot~~ tensioner arm to seek a forced engagement of the tension roller upon the traction member, a damping element disposed between the base and the ~~pivot~~ tensioner arm for damping an adjusting movement of the ~~pivot~~ tensioner arm, a pivot bearing swingably supporting the base on a machine part for rotation about the rotation axis, an actuator supporting the base on the machine part and acting on the base for rotation about the rotation axis, and a control unit for controlling an effective length of the actuator to thereby adjust a biasing force of the traction member.--.

[0029] -- Turning now to the drawing, and first to FIG. 8, there is shown is a longitudinal section of a basic configuration of a tensioner 1 which can be complemented with the subject matter in accordance with the present invention. The tensioner 1 includes a base [[2]] 22 which is fixedly secured to a machine part 3. The base [[2]] 22 is formed in one piece with an axially extending cylindrical pin 4 which is surrounded in concentric radially spaced-apart relationship by a hub 5. Mounted in the hub 5 is a shaft 8 for rotation about a rotation axis which coincides with a symmetry axis 15. An annular gap 6 is radially defined by the hub 5 and the pin 4 for receiving a slide bearing in the form of a friction or bearing bushing 7 to thereby rotatably support the shaft 8. The hub 5 is part of a tensioner arm 9 having a free end for attachment of a rotatable tension roller 10 which is supported by a rolling-contact bearing 60. A bolt 70 connects the slide bearing to

the tensioner arm 9. The tension roller 10 rotates about a rotation axis 16 which is spaced from the symmetry axis 15 by a radius r. Disposed between the base [[2]] 22 and the tensioner arm 9 is a torsion spring 12 which surrounds the shaft 8 and forces the tension roller 10 into resilient abutment against a traction member 11, e.g. a belt. Securely mounted to one end of the pin 4 is a ring flange 13 which absorbs an axial force applied by the torsion spring 12. The hub 5 is hereby supported via a sliding disk 14 upon the ring flange 13, whereby the sliding disk 14 is disposed between the ring flange 13 and an end surface 56 of the tensioner arm 9 and assumes at the same time the function of a damping element, generally designated by reference numeral 57.--.